GEOC Meeting February 24, 2015

In attendance:
Mike Young – Chair, (Karen Piantek – Admin), David Gross, Tom Meyer, Tom Abbott, Scott Campbell, Arthur Engler, Eric Schultz, Stephanie Milan, Peter Kaminsky, Michael Bradford

Regrets:
Gustavo Nanclares, Manuela Wagner, Ana Maria Diaz-Marcos

Meeting called to order at 12:37pm.

1. Minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Old Business

A. Revision of a “Digital Information Literacy” competency; deletion of Computer Technology competency; Assessment Project: Info Lit Survey and Interviews.
   - The committee is working on a list of people to contact and an interview protocol.
   - Currently most information on Information Literacy is more than 10 years old.
B. 2014-15 Course Re-alignment – Deadline to submit reports is for the March 24th meeting.
   - Two reports have been submitted. The W subcommittee has a course of issue.

W Alignment Report

- M. Young requested A. Engler’s email correspondence history so that GEOC chair could follow up.
- M. Young requested revision of the report to just indicate that proposers were unresponsive to requests from W subcommittee about non-responsiveness.
- Neither the W report nor the Q report will be acted on at this meeting.

C. Next steps on the proposal regarding First Year Writing waivers – OIRE has suggested contacting the Registrar to obtain the data requested.
   - K. Piantek will give M. Young the name of people from OIRE who are denying us data; he would like to try contacting them.
   - S. Campbell reminded the committee about urgency issues regarding enrollment increases.
   - This is especially relevant to UConn’s NEASC accreditation, in which we need to show competency, not just exposure.

D. 2014-15 Provost’s Competition – Five proposals were selected for funding:
   - ENGL 2XXX/W The graphic Novel
   - DRAM 1XXX Introduction to World Puppet Theater
   - EDLR 2XXX Issues in Sports
   - GSCI 1000-series
   - PNB 3120W Scientific Writing in Physiology and Neurobiology (Was contingent upon clarification of funds)

E. Modification of the Implementation section of the Gen Ed Guidelines (see attached)
   - E. Schultz gave an overview of the issue. There was some question as to whether CLAS C&C reviewed and approved this. E. Schultz introduced a document with revisions of Gen Ed guidelines.
   - E. Schultz noted the need to look at Senate Bylaws as well, as many are in great need of revision/updating.
D. Gross questioned the striking of item #4, and E. Schultz suggested adding the Competency wording to #3. The item would apply to additions, deletions, or revisions.

There were some questions about the clarity of the W courses versus non-W course offerings, specifically the “co-mingling.” A one-credit W in addition to regular course was the solution in the past.

E. Schultz suggested to the GEOC that they needed to take a close look at both Gen Ed guidelines and bylaws, and if co-mingled courses are not allowed, then that needs to be specified somewhere.

There was discussion of the specifics of how W courses were enacted. M. Young asked the GEOC to look at the W guidelines and see if they accurately represent their understanding of W. Does it need to include wording on co-mingling?

E. Schultz suggested that his document can be reviewed and discussed separately from this issue.

E. Schultz will make slight revisions to the language and send the document around to the committee for approval.

3. Subcommittee Reports
   A. CA1 Report
      • No discussion.

   The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of HIST/USC 3650, PHIL/HRTS 3220/W, HRTS 3200/W, HRTS 3250/W)

   B. CA2 Report
      • The committee noted that the pre-req for the HDFS courses is a CA2, but students must take their CA2s in two different departments, so this designation doesn’t help them.
      • E. Schultz suggested addition of “by instructor consent” to language about open only to HDFS majors.

   The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of GEOG 2320, HDFS 3311W, HDFS 3540W)

   C. CA3 Report
      • No discussion

   The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approval of GSCI 1010, GSCI 1070, GSCI 1050, GSCI 1051, GSCI 1052, SCI 1051(GSCI 1055), NUSC 1165)

   D. CA4 Report (see attached)
      • No discussion.

   The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved CHIN 3230, HRTS 3200/W)

   E. W Report (see attached)
      • No discussion.

   The report was passed unanimously as submitted. (Approved HDFS 3311W, HDFS 3540W, MEM 4971W, MEM 4972W, PHIL/HRTS 3219W, Delete MEM 4915W)

4. New Business
   A. Michael Bradford will take over for Peter Kaminsky as CA1 co-chair.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Piantek
GEOC Administrator